



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

of Mariposa County
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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD MEETING Minutes

January 3rd, 2024
12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Mariposa County Health & Human Services
5362 Lemee Lane, Mariposa, California 95338

To attend in-person: Health & Human Services – Mariposa Conference Room
5362 Lemee Lane, Mariposa, California

To attend via telephone: Call 1-669-900-6833, then at the prompts enter the following:
Meeting ID 985-9834-5239, participant ID #, passcode 123456

Member Present:

Paul Brickett, Ellie McQuarrie, Olga Leonard

Members Excused:

Loretta Milne

Members Absent:

Mike Charman, Rosemarie Smallcombe

Guest Present:

Tyson Wellcome, Summerlynn Marquez, Karli Gomez, Brian Blew, Brandon Stump

Staff Present:

Sheila Baker, Adrienne Beas, Kristina Keheley, Donya Evans, Mandi Brum

Quorum: No

- I. **Call to Order and Roll Call** – Meeting started 12:34 by Paul Brickett, Chair. Roll call introductions were made.
- II. **Mission Statement:** The mission statement was read by Paul Brickett.
- III. **Approval of Meeting Minutes: December 6th, 2023 (attachment):** There is no “date” on the top of the minutes. Rosemarie was mis-spelled in section three. Minutes for the last meeting were not voted on for approval due to not having a quorum. The board members discussed the absence of a quorum and a need to review the bylaws in order to better understand membership. It was noticed that Mike Charman has missed three consecutive meetings and may need to be reminded of the meetings.
- IV. **Public Comments**
- V. **Agenda Items**
 - A. **Announcements:** None

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B. Committees and Community Partner Reports

1. Mariposa Heritage House: Summerlynn Marquez
Busy months since August, especially November and December. More people are coming in since the weather has been bad and the holiday season. People from other counties are being re-routed from other cities and counties. People were being told Mariposa County has resources such as little houses and jobs. Visitor Center and the Sheriff Department have dropped people off to the Heritage House. In the month of December, Heritage House prepared 1957 meals. This includes food boxes, daily lunches, holiday meals and dinner. Currently serving breakfast to keep up with the increase in people coming in for food. Running out of commodities and having to renegotiate food boxes. Currently offering 52 services such as case management for Drug Court and transportation and 143 new cases. Two groups are starting, one is Recovery Coach Academy, and the other is Peer Support Recovery. Also Anger Management classes (one court order and one is not) are on Tuesdays, and it is open to the public, class is \$5.00 for the notebook. New Program Coordinator for Drug Court and North County office.
2. Mariposa Minds Matter: Donya Evans
Katie Cotter is no longer with the HHSA. Jillian Rodriguez will facilitate the meetings. A new meeting time is being scheduled. Hoping to have a BHB member attend future Mariposa Minds Matter meeting. New State of Mind movie, February 4th, 2024, at 4:00 in the Mariposa Room at the HHSA building. The movie is about an hour and will follow with a discussion. Attendance is lacking, but hopefully with the new meeting time more people to participate. Inside Out Movie for children in the summertime. Butterfly Festival in May and Mariposa Minds Matter will have a booth at the fairgrounds.
3. Connections: No Report
4. Probation: Karli Gomez
Behavioral Health Court numbers are low with three individuals. One in phase 1, One in phase 2, and one in phase 3
5. Native Solutions: No Report
6. Mariposa Safe Families: No Report
7. Ethos: Tyson Wellcome
Focus for the holiday season was Adopt a Teen program. 81 teens sponsored. Social media and Instagram post can be checked out. New Hire: Youth Drive Advocate. Went over to North County and did art & crafts at the community hall. Homeless Unstable House Teen Advocate position soon to hire. More transports for teens for medical appointments
8. Family Resource Center: Tyson
Monica Martinez and Tyson Wellcome will co-direct. Monica will be the director for Family Resource Center. Nurturing Parent Program had some graduates.

C. Old Business

D. New Business

1. Discussion of Behavioral Health Board Goals for 2024: Request for suggestions.
The Board is interested in some data for the county but due to the small size there



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is a confidentiality issue. Some data can be provided but it can take time to collect the data and report it in a way that protects the privacy of the County residents.

2. Letter of Support for the North County Office with the primary focus for Behavioral Health services for adults, youth, and families. Sheila and Paul will further discuss this via email, Paul did agree to assist in writing a letter of support.

E. Discuss Policy/Legislative Issues Relevant to the BHB (Action Plan – Goal A4)

F. Review and Discuss BHRS Contracts Quarterly (Action Plan – Other Goals #2)

G. Staff Reports

1. Director of HHSA, Joe Lynch: Mandi Brum: Next step to encampment resolution grant is to prepare site for pallet shelters. Pallet shelters will be put in at the Emergency Shelter Site (Connections). Public Works will be working on the site early February leveling the ground, collaborating with PGE on electric. HHSA will help move or relocate people and their pets, and for people who do not leave the encampment, law enforcement will be called in.
2. Director of Health Services, Kristina Keheley: North County building belongs to HHSA now and remodeling will begin. Opening in the Spring 2024. Building will a mini HHSA, and primary use will be for BH services. Deferral SB43 was approved by the Board of Supervisors for two years. SB43 Implementation 2026. Prop 1, March 5th, solving housing at BH cost. MAT P&P medication to treatment due this week to the state. Will begin outpatient services early spring at the Community Health Center. No detox, but ongoing injection treatment. Injection cost about \$2,000 each. Kristina will be out for several months returning in late summer as this is her last meeting before she takes leave.
3. Deputy Director of Behavioral Health, Sheila Baker: Requesting a letter of support for a grant for BH services for remodeling North County. Sheila will email Paul by the end of the day.
4. Finance: No Report
5. Quality Assurance: No Report

VI. Adjournment

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held in the Mariposa County Health & Human Services Mariposa Conference Room and via teleconference, **February 7th, 2023, at 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Submitted,

Adrienne Beas

Recording Secretary

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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 6, 2023

12:30 p.m. – 2 p.m.

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Paul Brickett, Rosemarie Smallcombe, Loretta Milne, Ellie McQuarrie, Olga Leonard

Members Excused:

Members Absent:

Mike Charman

Guests Present:

Jamie Berry, Monica Martinez, Shane Bonner, Megan Atkinson, Hal Nolen, Karli Gomez,
Tyson Wellcome

Staff Present:

Adrienne Beas, Aryn Fisher – Brouillette, Saxon Amborn, Sheila Baker, Randy Ridenhour,
Rebecca Ballinger

Quorum: Yes

- I. **Call to Order/Roll Call:** Meeting was called to order at 12:35 p.m. by Paul Brickett, Chair. Roll call introductions were made.
- II. **Mission Statement:** The mission statement was read by Paul Brickett.
- III. **Approval of Meeting Minutes for November 1st, 2023 (attachment):** Ellie McQuarrie made a motion to approve minutes, and Rosemarie Smallcombe seconded the motion. All members present voted "aye," none were opposed, none abstained. Minutes for November 1, 2023 were approved unanimously.

IV. Public Comments:

- A. Jamie Berry made a statement with regard to the Crisis Hotline and an interaction she felt as though went poorly between a family friend and the Crisis Team during Thanksgiving.
Sheila noted a contractual change to the Crisis team, effective January 2024, which establishes greater coverage of field response 24/7, 365. Sheila intends to further

discuss the incident at a later time.

Ellie McQuarrie inquired about that lack of County providing direct services on weekends, and when there is coverage, it is not provided by the County but instead through a contract with a third party, Transformations.

- B. Further statements from Sheila were made about the Mobile Crisis Unit and a proposed start date of January 2024. This is to increase field response and direct care with a mental health provider.
- C. Reminder of the use of 988, the National Mental Health and Suicide Hotline

V. Agenda Items

A. Announcements: None

B. Committees/Community Partner Reports:

- 1. **Mariposa Heritage House:** Not Present
- 2. **Mariposa Minds Matter:** No Report
- 3. **Connections:**
Hal Nolen presented, stated that he has seen an increase of guests at Connections interested in engaging with Behavioral Health
Noticing 2/3 men and 1/3 women, and a significant increase in adults 50 years or older. Appears to be trending toward seeing more individuals experiencing Homelessness and it is projected to continue in the coming years.
In the process right now, working with HHSA, to obtain Pallet Shelters on site at Connections. There will be both non-ADA and ADA Compliant units. This is a cross-agency collaboration (HHSA/Alliance for Community Transformations/ Sheriff's Department, etc.) to help with closure of the Frank Wilson Encampment.
- 4. **Probation:**
Probation has new members in Behavioral Health court, reported for both phase I and phase II
- 5. **Native Solutions:** No Report
- 6. **Mariposa Safe Families:**
Seeing an increase in both Youth and Family Center to assist with food insecurity
MSF provided 80 Thanksgiving meals, partnered with Mariposa Martial Arts Academy, provided 200 meals. Parents as Teachers Home Family Program initiative. New section at the Library to provide resources to Resource Families
- 7. **Ethos**
Working with Miners Roadhouse and Rotary Club with a food program to provide meals. Ethos held a clothing drive, today 12.06.2023, which they usually do annually, and did tie dye session with the youth Adopt a Teen Program, 60+ sponsors have come forward to assist. Included a video presentation for the FRC which is co-directed by both Tyson and Monica. It was stated that there has been confusion between the Family Resource Center and Mariposa Safe Families as they are both designated as Mariposa Family Resource Centers, and that they both support each other. This helps to fill gaps in services within Mariposa County.

C. Old Business:

- 1. Family resource video reviewed.
- 2. SVS is Oakhurst teamed up with Mariposa Safe Families and CVRC and held a listening session.
- 3. Reviewing the Fiscal Report, with Randy Ridenhour (FY 2023-2024), Revenue is exceeding Expenses at this time. Report ran, 12/05/2023, presented 12/06/2023
Historically, realignment funds are generally used more for SUD funding than they



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are Mental Health SUD peer support can now be billed, this will help with an increase in revenue.

D. New Business: No Report

E. Review and Discuss Policy/Legislative Issues Relevant to the BHB:

1. SB43 and discussion with the future bill, reviewed by Rosemarie Smallcombe, she deferred this Topic to Sheila Baker.

F. Review and Discuss BHRS Contracts (Quarterly):

1. No report

G. Staff Reports:

1. **Acting Director of HHSA:** Joe Lynch, not present, no report
2. **Director of Health Services:** Kristina Keheley, not present, no report
3. **Deputy Director of BHRS:** Sheila Baker
 - i. Recognition of Saxon Amborn, the new Supervisor for the Adult team
 1. Saxon will be working with the Wellness Center, it is now open 5 days a week, as well as in Yosemite (Every Thursday) and in Greely Hill at the Red Cloud Library, (Every Friday)
 - ii. Currently low on Clinicians
 1. All time low of clinicians currently with 3
 2. Working to contract out more of the case load to other licensed professionals via "bi-directionals"
 - iii. SB43 Presentation
 1. Deferral to be presented to the Board of Supervisors meeting, next week on December 12th, 2023. Goal to defer until January of 2026, 46 other counties are doing this exact process to defer the bill.
 2. Highlighted the expansion of Gravely Disabled to include individuals experiencing "Severe SUD". At this time, there is no financial budgetary action provided by the State. "Severe SUD" is also not yet defined by the state.
4. **Financial:** Held during Old Business via Randy Ridenhour (Item C.3)
5. **Quality Assurance:** No Report

VI. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on January 3rd, 2024 at Mariposa County Health & Human Services from 12:30 to 2 p.m.

Submitted,

Aryn A Fisher - Brouillette

Recording Secretary